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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS NOT OPTIMISTIC ON ROUND
FOUR OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS REFLECTED CYPRIOT LEADER CLERIDES' PESSIMISM OVER THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WHICH BEGIN IN NEW YORK TODAY (REFTEL) IN REMARKS HE MADE TO NEWSPAPERMEN OVER THE WEEKEND. HE SAID THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM RELEVANT TO DEVELOPMENTS AND PROSPECTS ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION. HE ALSO NOTED THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH HAS NOT AS YET SUBMITTED HIS PROPOSALS TO GREEK CYPRIOT LEADER CLERIDES AND THUS THE ENTIRE MATTER HAD NOW BEEN SHIFTED TO NEW YORK

2. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH CYPRUS IS THE FACT THAT SEVERAL ATHENS AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS ON SEPTEMBER 5 QUOTED A GOVERNMENT SOURCE AS DENYING THE ASSERTION MADE IN A RECENT EVANS-NOVAK COLUMN THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD ACCEPTED A BIZONAL FEDERATION SOLUTION FOR THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. THE SAME
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SOURCE ALSO MADE IT KNOWN THAT THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE OF

OPINION ON THIS MATTER BETWEEN THE GREEK AND CYPRIOT
GOVERNMENTS.
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